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State Employees Step Up to Community Needs

Area charities again will benefit from State of Michigan employees' annual support.

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SECC Staff: Jerry Stevens Karen Hodges On Tuesday, September 10, the State Employees' Combined Campaign begins coordinating employee contributions for more than 1,500 participating local, state, national, and international charitable organizations.

The State Employees' Combined Campaign (SECC) began 15 years ago to help charities efficiently collect contributions from state employees. State employees have strongly responded. In 2001, they contributed \$2.4 million to the SECC through one-time gifts and payroll deduction.

"State employees have a long history of stepping up to meet the needs of our communities," said Lynn Alexander, 2002 SECC Campaign

Chairperson and Director of Michigan's Office of Services to the Aging.

"It's heartwarming to see this continuing effort to help Michigan

families."